

**GOLDER RANCH FIRE DISTRICT
GOVERNING BOARD MEETING
MEETING MINUTES**

**Tuesday, October 15, 2024, 9:00 a.m.
1600 East Hanley Boulevard, Oro Valley, Arizona 85737**

1. CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

Chairperson Cox Golder called the meeting to order on October 15, 2024, at 9:00 a.m.

Members Present: Chairperson Vicki Cox Golder, Vice-Chairperson Wally Vette, Board Member Steve Brady, and Board Member Tom Shellenberger

Members Absent: Board Member Sandra Outlaw

Staff Present: Assistant Chief Cesarek, Assistant Chief Grissom, Assistant Chief Perry, Fire Marshal Akins, Deputy Chief Jarrold, Deputy Chief Hilderbrand, Division Chief Taylor, Local 3832 Vice-President of Benefits Cavaletto, Finance Director Christian, Information Technology Director Rascon, HR Director Delong, Operations Support Supervisor Bravo, Finance Supervisor Sargent, Division Chief North, Battalion Chief Hastings, Captain White, District Attorney Aversa, and Board Services Supervisor Ortiz

2. SALUTE AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

All in attendance recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. FIRE BOARD REPORTS

Board Member Brady said he visited North Carolina. He could not believe the devastation that they suffered from the hurricane Helene. He thanked the crews from GRFD that were assigned to the area to assist. He thanked all personnel for all they do to help the public.

4. CALL TO THE PUBLIC

There were no public issues presented at this time.



5. PRESENTATIONS

A. PRESENTATION OF ROCKIN' 4 HEROES "COMMUNITY HERO AWARD" TO FIRE CHIEF TOM BRANDHUBER

Michael Quinn, his wife Bonnie, Mary Murphy, and Steve Brokowski from the Rockin' 4 Heroes gave a presentation on behalf of their organization. Mr. Quinn stated July 25, 2020, he and his wife lost their son to a thirteen-year battle with cancer. During that time GRFD responded to calls and assisted him. Out of their appreciation for GRFD's assistance they started the foundation to give back to the community. The organization recognizes Gold Star families, military families who have lost someone in the line of duty. They also recognize first responders. Mr. Quinn explained a scholarship the foundation now offers. They do fundraising throughout the year in addition to the annual concert they hold. He continued to say, every once in a while, someone comes along that does special things. They intended to thank one of those individuals, Chief Tom Brandhuber. On behalf of the community at large, Rockin' 4 Heroes, and the Quinn Family, he presented Chief Brandhuber with the Community Hero Award as a token their appreciation for his 35 plus years of service.

B. PRESENTATION OF CAVALIER RESEARCH STUDY BY MEDICAL DIRECTOR DR. RICE

Dr. Amber Rice, GRFD Medical Director, gave a presentation on a new study, CAVALIER, which GRFD will be participating in. The CAVALIER trial looks at whether giving calcium, vasopressin, or both earlier will increase survival for someone who is injured and bleeding badly. It will apply to patients who have severe injuries that cause large amounts of blood loss. The treatment (Calcium/placebo or Vasopressin/placebo or both) will be given as an IV (into a vein) infusion. The treatment will be given in addition to all usual care. The study will take place in the community, in patients cared for at Banner University Medical Center-Tucson. Patient information will be recorded and carefully monitored for any complications. The CAVALIER trial will be conducted under federal regulations that allow for an exception from informed consent (EFIC). A person can opt-out of the study and in this case they will be provided with a wristband. Dr. Rice provided a QR code to learn more about the study and how people can opt out.

6. CONSENT AGENDA

The consent portion of the agenda is a means of expediting routine matters, such as minutes or previously discussed or budgeted items that must be acted upon by the Board. Any item may be moved to Regular Business for discussion and possible action by any member of the Board.

A. APPROVE MINUTES- SEPTEMBER 9, 2024, SPECIAL SESSION

B. APPROVE MINUTES- SEPTEMBER 17, 2024, REGULAR SESSION

MOTION by Board Member Brady to approve the October 15, 2024, Consent Agenda.

MOTION SECONDED by Board Member Shellenberger

MOTION CARRIED 4/0



7. REPORTS AND CORRESPONDENCE

- A. FIRE CHIEF'S REPORT – Chief Brandhuber presented the Fire Chief's report to the Governing Board. He thanked all personnel for their efforts on the Flood fire, they did an awesome job from beginning to the end.

Captain Cavaletto, who is the Vice President of Benefits for the Union, presented on behalf of President Jones. He said the Union is in the discussion phases of a proposed shift schedule.

- B. COMMUNITY RISK REDUCTION DIVISION'S REPORT - Assistant Chief Perry presented Community Risk Reduction Division's report to the Governing Board. He stated the Mission, Vision, and Values will be presented to the Governing Board at the November meeting.
- C. SUPPORT SERVICES DIVISION'S REPORT -Assistant Chief Cesarek presented the Support Services' report to the Governing Board. He stated his division completed the Request for Proposal (RFP) process to select an architecture firm for the Fleet and Training building improvements. The firm Seever Franks was chosen.

Board Member Brady asked if improvements were going to be made to the old administrative building.

Assistant Chief Cesarek responded some edits were made. One example is Professional Development made the old board room into an impressive training classroom.

- D. EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES & FIRE RESPONSE DIVISON'S REPORT – Assistant Chief Grissom presented the EMS & Fire Response division's report. He recognized Deputy Chief Wilson and Deputy Chief Jarrold who will be graduating from the Chief Executive Officer program.

8. REGULAR BUSINESS

- A. PUBLIC HEARING OF THE PROPOSED 2024 INTERNATIONAL FIRE CODE (IFC) WITH AMENDMENTS PURSUANT TO A.R.S. §48-805.07

OPEN THE PUBLIC HEARING – Chairperson Cox-Golder opened the public hearing for any comments from the public at 9:20 a.m.

There were no public comments made.

CLOSE THE PUBLIC HEARING – Chairperson Cox-Golder closed the public hearing at 9:20 a.m.



- B. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING THE APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION NUMBER 2024-0012 ADOPTING THE 2024 INTERNATIONAL FIRE CODE (IFC) WITH LOCAL AMENDMENTS PURSUANT TO A.R.S. §48-805.9

MOTION by Vice-Chairperson Vette to approve Resolution 2024-0012 and adopt the 2024 edition of the International Fire Code with amendments as approved by the Arizona Office of the State Fire Marshal.

MOTION SECONDED by Board Member Shellenberger

MOTION CARRIED 4/0

- C. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING THE APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION NUMBER 2024-0013 APPOINTING AUTHORIZED GRFD REPRESENTATIVES WITH THE ARIZONA DEPARTMENT OF EMERGENCY AND MILITARY AFFAIRS (DEMA)

Chief Brandhuber the Arizona Department of Emergency and Military Affairs (DEMA) is requiring the District to appoint authorized alternative representatives with DEMA through a resolution.

MOTION by Board Member Shellenberger to adopt and approve Resolution 2024-0013 appointing Finance Director Dave Christian and Assistant Chief Perry as authorized Golder Ranch Fire District representatives with the Arizona Department of Emergency and Military Affairs.

MOTION SECONDED by Vice-Chairperson Vette

MOTION CARRIED 4/0

- D. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING THE APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION 2024-0014 APPROVING AND ACCEPTING THE 2025 GOLDER RANCH FIRE DISTRICT FEE SCHEDULE

MOTION by Vice-Chairperson Vette to approve and adopt Resolution 2024-0014 adopting the 2025 Golder Ranch Fire District fee schedule as presented.

MOTION SECONDED by Board Member Brady

MOTION CARRIED 4/0

- E. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING THE GOLDER RANCH FIRE DISTRICT RECONCILIATION AND MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORT

Finance Director Christian presented the Golder Ranch Fire District reconciliation and monthly financial report. He reviewed the past fiscal year's total revenues and expenditures. For the month-to-date there was a positive 9% variance in net proceeds. For year-to-date there was a -14% variance on property taxes. However, there was only a -3% variance on revenue. He explained overall there was a 0% variance on overall costs so the financials looked good. Director Christian reviewed the treasurer's offices' cash balances from Pima and Pinal Counties. He said accounts receivables were growing in ambulance billing. The total cash collected year-to-date was \$1,001,429. Suppression has been busy with transports. So far, Finance has



billed \$866,000 for wildland however, only \$400,000 has been collected so far. The amount billed was for thirty-one state fires and fifteen federal fires.

MOTION by Vice-Chairperson Vette to approve and accept the Golder Ranch Fire District reconciliation and monthly financial report as presented.

SECONDED by Board Member Shellenberger

MOTION CARRIED 4/0

9. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Vice-Chairperson Vette requested research be done on the need for an additional aerial unit.

Fire Chief Brandhuber said Assistant Chief Cesarek will conduct this research. He added that he will be out of the office the month of November and as such Assistant Chief Grissom will be the acting Fire Chief.

10. CALL TO THE PUBLIC

There were no public issues presented at this time.

11. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION by Board Member Brady to adjourn the meeting at 9:35 a.m.

MOTION SECONDED by Board Member Shellenberger

MOTION CARRIED 4/0



Wally Vette, Vice-Chairperson
Golder Ranch Fire District
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